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1. BRITISH DATT CONFIRMED TO US FEB 19 THAT USSR HAS AGREED GIVE TWELVE NEW MIG 17 AIRCRAFT (10 COMBAT AND 2 TRAINERS) TO SUDAN. INITIAL FIVE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED PORT SUDAN IN EARLY FEBRUARY. (COMMENT. SUDANESECIR FORCE IN PAST HAS USED CHINESE VERSION OF MIG 17).
2. ACCORDING SOURCE, CHINESE TECHNICIANS CURRENTLY SERVICING THEIR MIG 17S AT WADI SAYDNA MILITARY AIRFIELD NORTH OF KHARTOUM WALKED OFF THE JOB ON LEARNING OF FOREGOING SOVIET GIFT. THEY WERE ONLY PREVAILED UPON RETURN TO WORK FOLLOWING PERSONAL INTERVENTION CHINESE AMBASSADOR.
3. COMMENT: THIS IS MOST CONCRETE REPORT EMBASSY HAS SO FAR SEEN OF EVIDENT RENEWED SOVIET INTEREST IN PROVIDING FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO SUDANESE AIR FORCE. WHILE OUR INFO SUGGESTS THAT THE ABOVE SOVIET GIFT HAS ALREADY BEEN FINALIZED, PROPOSED VISIT TO RUSSIA BY SUDANESE ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF (REFTEL) WOULD, IF IT MATERIALIZES, WELL BE RELATED TO OTHER MILITARY ASSISTANCE. BREWER

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